PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto Senate Bill No. 1240 because of the following objections:

This Bill is contrary to good public policy by mandating that state agencies, "including agencies that are not health and human service agencies," be subject to purchasing rules adopted by the Health and Human Services Commission. The officers who preside over state agencies are best able to determine and adopt the rules for purchasing of services for their agencies. The Health and Human Services Commission has no special expertise in purchasing.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1997.

George W. Bush Government of Texas